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SECOND BANK ROBBER SENTENCED TO 44 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT

On August 18, 2003, U.S. District Court Judge Steven D. Merryday sentenced Gary Victor Frasier, age 22, to 44 years' imprisonment for committing three armed bank robberies with his cousin and co-defendant Lonnie Lee Code, age 26. On January 9, 2002, Frasier and Code, both of Orlando, were federally indicted for the following three bank robberies: Suncoast Schools Federal Union located at 6367 Manatee Avenue West in Bradenton, Florida on October 2, 2001; the Washington Mutual Bank in Orlando, Florida on November 8, 2001; and the Prosperity Bank in St. Augustine, Florida on November 13, 2001. A jury returned a guilty verdict against Frasier on January 31, 2003. Lonnie Lee Code pled guilty and was sentenced on April 2, 2003, to 66 years' imprisonment for his role in the offenses.

_____ This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bradenton Police Department, St. John's County Sheriff's Office and the Orange County Sheriff's Office. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda C. Kaiser.